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- (a) A county or municipality may establish a hospital or other facility for the care of the sick by:
 - (1) building or contracting for the use of a facility; or
- (2) joining with another county or municipality to establish a joint facility.
- (b) A county or municipality may recover the expenses incurred by a hospital or another facility in caring for a patient who is not indigent:
- (1) from the patient, within 3 years after the patient is discharged from the facility; or
 - (2) from the estate of the patient, if the patient dies in the facility.

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